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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Nuclear Spent Fuel should be stored at a permanent depository and not stored at Nuclear Plant sites for many reasons. Now that this fuel is a potential target makes movement of this waste off site imperative. I am an engineer at the Oyster Creek Plant Site and it is uncomfortable to have this waste stored outside the plant. The devastation in New York that occurred on September 11, would pale in comparison to the possible devastation that would occur if these on site storage facilities were somehow compromised.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility. Many years of study and work have gone into the Yucca Mountain site and politics has kept the site from being utilized. With the possible danger to people who reside near or work at Nuclear Power sites throughout the nation it is imperative to get this fuel off site and into a permanent depository.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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